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## **Delegation, Schedule for Lt. Governor's China Mission Released**

INDIANAPOLIS – Lt. Governor Becky Skillman today released the delegate list and her daily itinerary for the agriculture, jobs, and investment mission to China on June 1. The 26-member delegation will meet with prospective importers of Hoosier goods, Chinese government officials, commodity trade groups, Chinese trade associations, and research universities.

“Our agricultural exports support more than 24,000 Hoosier jobs,” Lt. Governor Skillman said. “The growth of China’s population will create increased needs for agricultural products, and Indiana has the capacity to meet China’s growing needs.”

This will be the fourth trade mission Lt. Governor Skillman has led. Tax dollars will not be used to fund this trade mission, as private sponsors will be covering all costs. Sponsors of the trip are Beck’s Superior Hybrids, Cole Hardwood, Dow AgroScience, Duke Energy, Elanco, Grammer Industries, Hoosier Energy REC, Indiana Corn Marketing Council, Indiana Soybean Alliance, Louis Dreyfus Commodities, Midwest Poultry Services, L.P., and Weaver Popcorn.

Hoosiers can keep up with daily reports at [www.lg.in.gov/China](http://www.lg.in.gov/China). Below is the lieutenant governor’s trip itinerary:

### **Thursday, June 3 (Hangzhou)**

Lt. Governor Skillman will speak at a conference at the Zhejiang Commerce Department. Audience members will include prominent agricultural importers and government representatives. Skillman will then meet with Zhejiang’s Development and Reform Council. In the afternoon, Skillman will present an Indiana overview to Chinese government and industry leaders at a conference hosted by Zhejiang’s Director General of Agriculture. This will be an opportunity for roughly 20 agriculture companies in Zhejiang to meet Indiana producers and become familiar with Indiana agriculture. That evening the delegation will attend a banquet hosted by the Director General of the Zhejiang Foreign Affairs Department.

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**Friday, June 4 (Hangzhou)**

In the morning, Lt. Governor Skillman will visit the Zhejiang Academy of Agricultural Science as well as Zhejiang University. In the afternoon, the delegation will visit the Transfar bio-tech facility, and Hangzhou NF United Meat, the largest pork processor in Zhejiang. Lt. Governor Skillman will meet with Zhejiang's vice governor of agriculture in the evening. This will be followed by an Indiana-hosted banquet.

**Saturday, June 5 (Hangzhou)**

Lt. Governor Skillman will meet with officials from the Zhejiang Academy of Social Sciences to present an economic research report from Indiana's Sagamore Institute. Before departing for Beijing, the delegation will visit cultural sites around Hangzhou, including a visit to a buffalo statute carved from Bedford, Ind., limestone that was presented by former Governor Orr in 1987 to mark the beginning of Indiana's sister-state relationship with Zhejiang.

**Sunday, June 6 (Beijing)**

No official activities scheduled.

**Monday, June 7 (Beijing)**

Lt. Governor Skillman will meet with U.S. Ambassador to China Jon Huntsman. Later that morning delegates will meet with the U.S. Grain Council, American Soybean Association and Chinese Animal Agriculture Association. In the afternoon, the delegation will have an opportunity to meet with a prominent meat importer, tour an urban greenhouse project and meet with a prominent state-owned grain producer.

**Tuesday, June 8 (Beijing)**

The delegation will have an opportunity to tour Wonder Milk dairy, Beijing Liume Farms, and the ENN bio-energy facility. In the evening, delegates will be guests of honor at a ceremony commemorating the raising of Stellar Cinema Group's 100<sup>th</sup> screen. Stellar Cinema Group is a prominent Chinese movie studio and customer of Indiana-based Weaver Popcorn. That evening, Lt. Governor Skillman will host a "Friends of Indiana" reception sponsored by the Indiana Corn Marketing Council and Indiana Soybean Alliance.

**Wednesday, June 9 (Beijing)**

The delegation will visit China Agricultural University (CAU) to discuss CAU's internationalization plan and to hold a panel discussion between Indiana's agricultural leaders and CAU students. Additionally, Lt. Governor Skillman will follow up and support the recent trip taken by Purdue University in which they established closer research and cooperative ties with CAU. In the afternoon, the group will tour Syngenta's new research and development facility. Later, Lt. Governor Skillman will meet with executives from Wise Harmon animal technical services.

**Thursday, June 10**

Lt. Governor Skillman will meet with the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture before she and the other members of the delegation depart for Indianapolis.

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Members of the delegation who will travel to China:

Lt. Governor Becky Skillman  
Joe Kelsey, Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA)  
Gina Sheets, ISDA  
Sam Krouse, ISDA  
Ann Schmelzer, ISDA  
Bart Lomont, Office of the Lt. Governor  
Adam Moody, Moody Meats  
Andy Eubank, Hoosier Ag Today  
Chuck Hibberd, Purdue University  
Dave Bramlage, Cole Hardwoods, Inc  
Don Orr, JBS United  
Don Villwock, Indiana Farm Bureau  
Jerry Osterholt, Indiana Soybean Alliance  
John Whittington, Grammer Industries/Integrity Biofuels  
Julie Griffith, Duke Energy  
Keith Berry, Indiana Pork  
Lesa Dietrick, Ice Miller  
Mark Henderson, Indiana Soybean Alliance/Indiana Corn Marketing Council  
Mike Shuter, Indiana Corn Marketing Council  
Neil Mylet, Cropfusion  
Paul Brennan, Indiana State Poultry Association  
Randy Haymaker, Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc  
Sonny Beck, Beck's Superior Hybrids, Inc  
Steve Eberly, Warren County Local Economic Development Organization, Inc  
Susan Lyons, Louis Dreyfus Commodities  
Tom Dusing, Travel Leaders